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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CANAAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE RUHAMA, CHURCH, JEFFERSON

COUNTY, ALA., OCTOBER 2^D TO 5TH, A.D. 1858.

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SATURDAY, October 2, 1858.

1. After the Introductory Sermon at the Stand, by Elder J. BYARS, from I. Pe. 2ch. 4, 5 v. the delegates to the 25th Annual Session of the Canaan Baptist Association, met in Ruhamah Church, and were called to order by A. J. WALDROP, the former Moderator, and J. H. BAKER acted as Clerk, *pro, tem.*

2. The letters from the Churches were read, and the delegates, names enrolled.

3. Elder A. J. WALDROP was chosen Moderator, J. H. BAKER, Recording, and A. G. WALDROP Corresponding Secretary.

4. Invited visiting Ministers to seats.

5. *Correspondence received.*—Letter and Minutes, from *Shelby* Association, by Elder Maroney and Truss; Letter and Minutes from *Coosa River* Association, by Elder J. Williams, T. C. Wood and J. Dickerson; from *Tuscaloosa* Association, by J. Lowery; from *Ten Island*, by P. S. Montgomery.

6. The door of the Association was opened for the admission of newly constituted Churches; Sardis of Jef., Shady Grove of Shelby, Harmony of Walker, and Friendship of St. Clair being found orthodox, were cordially received by the Moderator, by extending the right hand of Fellowship.

7. Committees were appointed.

To arrange business—H. Moore, W. Rogers, J. Hefner, J. Beck, and R. Robertson.

On Documents.—Grimes, Baker, and E. Wood.

On Finance.—Smith, Hulsey, and Melton.

On Domestic Missions.—H. G. Smith, Adkins, Ervin, A. J. Waldrop and Baker.

On Sabbath Schools.—Fuller, Carlisle, and Inzer.

On Foreign Missions.—Hammonds, Franklin, and Praytor.

8. *Correspondence Returned.*—To *Shelby*, Baker and Truss.

To *Tuscaloosa*, Smith and Thomason.

To *North River*, Skelton and Kemp.

To *Coosa River*, Moore, Hagood and Baker.

To *Ten Island*, Moore, Waldrop, Grimes, Byars, and Baker.

9. Appointed P. S. Montgomery and J. Williams to preach on Sabbath, Montgomery in the morning and Williams in the evening; H. G. Smith by previous appointment to preach the missionary sermon at 11. A. M.

After prayer, adjourned to meet Monday 9 A. M.

SABBATH.

The Stand was occupied on Sabbath, according to appointment, in presence of a large congregation, and a collection was taken up of \$66,60.

MONDAY, October 4, 1858.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Moderator.

10. The roll was called and absentees marked.

11. Read the minutes.

12. *Committees reported.*

On Arrangement of Business, report concurred in, and committee discharged.

On Documents, (Appendix A) report concurred in, and committee discharged.

On Finance, (App. B.) report concurred in, and committee discharged.

On Domestic Missions, (App. C) report concurred in, and committee discharged.

On Sabbath Schools, (App. D.) report discussed at some length, recommended, and reported, concurred in and Committee discharged.

On Foreign Missions, (App. E.) report concurred in and committee discharged.

13. Delegates were appointed to the E. A. Convention, *Central Institute*, Coosa Co, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in May, 1859; A. C. Thomason, E. Wood, H. Moore, D. Davis, B. Praytor, Z. Hagood, S. M. Fuller, J. Pearson, M. G. Wood, Stephen Wilks.

14. No circular letter was prepared by A. J. Waldrop.

15. *District Meetings*, First, at Salem, Friday before the 3 Sabbath in July, 1859, T. Franklin to preach the Introductory Sermon, H. Moore, the missionary.

2d. *District at Mud Creek* Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1859, J. Grimes, to preach the Introductory sermon H. G. Smith, alternate, A. C. Thomason the Missionary and J. H. Baker alternate.

16. E. Wood was elected Treasurer. (App. F.)

17. The next Association will convene with the Goodhope church Jef. Co. Saturday before 1st sabbath in Oct. 1859, H. G. Smith to preach the Introductory Sermon, A. J. Waldrop alternate; A. J. Waldrop to preach the missionary sermon, A. C. Thomason alternate J. H. Baker to write the circular letter, J. Byars alternate.

18. On motion of J. Carlisle, the moderator appointed J. McDonald, H. Pearson, H. B. Moore, T. Adkins D. M. Anderson,

J. G. Delashaw and Willis Eastis a committee to meet at New Prospect church on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in Nov. 1859, and inquire into the order of said church, and report to the next Association.

19. Adjourned to meet Tuesday 9. A. M.

20. Met pursuant to Adjournment.

21. H. Moore our Domestic missionary made his report for the past year (App. G.)

22. *Resolved*, that A. G. Waldrop, Z. Hagood, H. B. Moore, E. Wood, J. Truss, T. A. Melton and W. H. Wood be an executive board whose duty it shall be to raise a fund of which the interest only shall be used in the support of Superannuated preachers (and their widows) whose labours have been confined principally and who live in the Canaan Association; and the board in making appropriations shall make it only to those who in their opinion may need it, and report to the next Association (App. H.)

23. Ordered, that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and have as many copies printed as the money will justify, and reserve 100 copies for correspondence, and that he have ten dollars for his services.

24. Ordered that the abstract of faith be published in the minutes.

25. Appointed A. G. Waldrop, J. H. Baker, and A. J. Waldrop distributing agents.

26. Ordered that the Treasurer pay over all moneys in his hands according to the intention of the donors, and pay off all claims against the Association according to funds, one half of the collection on Sabbath to domestic mission the other to Indian—to the E. A. Convention.

27. Adjourned. Singing and prayer by

A. J. WALDROP, *Moderator*.

J. H. BAKER, *Recording secretary*.

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

L. Adams gave for domestic missions \$2, J. G. Delashaw \$5, T. A. Melton \$1, H. B. Moore \$10, W. Robinson \$2, I. Hammonds \$2, R. Stone \$2, Z. Hagood \$10, H. Moore \$5, W. Burchfield \$1, J. Carlisle \$2, J. P. Massey \$2, N. Reader \$2, T. A. Norwood \$2, S. T. Vann \$2, S. T. Huey \$3, S. Wilkey \$2.50, J. G. Huey \$3, J. M. Franklin \$3, A. G. Waldrop \$2.50, Calvin Waldrop \$3, J. Williams \$2, C. Williams \$2, H. G. Smith \$5, M. J. Parsons \$2, O. M. Smith \$2, T. Burchfield, Sr. 50 cents, J. Roberts \$1, D. Davis \$5, P. Herring \$5, Mary Burgin \$2.50, W. Eastis \$2, J. A. Moore \$1, W. D. Foster \$2, T. J. Foster \$1, J. McDonald \$2, J. Wood \$2, W. E. Beck \$2, F. M. Warrick \$1, A. J. Waldrop \$5, T. F. Waldrop \$5, A. McDonald \$2.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	For Domestic Missions.	Fund for Association.	Funds for Minutes	Total in Fellowship,	Dead.	Excluded.	Dismissed,	Restored.	R'd by Letter	Baptised,
BETHEL, CAHABA, CENTRAL, FRIENDSHIP, HEBRON, MOUNT ZION, NEW PROSPECT, RUHAMAH, SALEM,	St. Clair. Jefferson. " St. Clair. Jefferson. St. Clair. Jefferson. " "	JAMES TRUSS, T. Adkins. J. BYARS, B. <i>Praytor</i> , J. Carlisle, J. D. <i>Munn</i> , J. Heffner, T. A. Melton. S. B. Crow, J. George, J. Tucker, H. Moore, H. B. Moore, M. L. Inzer, H. Pearson, K. Blythe, M. S. Fuller, A. M. McLendon. B. Bush. A. J. Waldrop, E. Wood, J. McDonald, W. Eastis, Z. Hagood, J. N. Franklin, R. H. Erwin, SECOND DISTRICT.	\$ 50 \$ 50 1 50 1 00 50 1 50 1 00 5 00	\$ 1 50 2 50 1 50 1 00 3 00 3 00 3 00 3 00	58 71 40 16 133 101 10 129 49	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	3 2 2 2 2 2 2 2	7 4 1 5 1 2 1 7	2 1 8 7 1 1 1 6	1 4 1 1 7 7 8 5	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 5	
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APPENDIX (A.)

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

BRO. MODERATOR :—Your committee on Documents beg leave to report, that they find much to encourage us in some of our sister Associations whose exertions are worthy of all praise in promoting the cause of Sabbath Schools, religious instruction to the colored population, education, distribution of denominational books and newspapers, foreign and domestic missions. Whilst others are doing but little for the prosperity of the churches. Your Committee in contrasting the prosperity of these Associations, are forcibly struck with the importance of increased and renewed energies in the prosecution, and carrying out those great auxiliaries of the internal prosperity; and we would recommend a like course to our Association. We would further recommend to our ministers to seek all, both old and young, who have preaching impressions exhortation, or prayer, and encourage such in an exercise of their gift; to give themselves to reading, meditation and prayer; for your committee believe that on the exertions of our ministry depend the prosperity and perpetuity of the church. And so far above any other means, do we consider this, that we earnestly recommend to the churches to sustain their pastors fully and let them devote their time wholly to the churches, reading, preparation, visiting, prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools and all other means for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. GRIMES, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE (B.)

Your committee on Finance submit the following report:

Received for Minutes	\$ 36 30
" " Association	19 10
" " Domestic Missions	155 50
" " Collection on Sabbath	66 60
" " Blacks for Afr. Missions	4 15
" " From former Association	2 75

\$284 40.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. M. SMITH, Chairman.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS (C.)

We your committee beg leave to recommend to your body to appoint 2 missionaries to ride during six months, in the most suitable season of the year within your bounds, on the North and West, and that your body ask the E. A. Convention to co-operate with you, and that such measures be taken as will raise the required funds to sustain them, and that five collecting Agents, A. J. Waldrop, A. C. Thomason, J. H. Baker, J. D. Mann and T. F. Waldrop, be appointed for this purpose, and report to the Treasurer, so that the missionaries may continue so long as funds will justify. They to commence riding immediately, and continue till about the middle of November, and commence again about the first of June. All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. G. SMITH, Chairman.

Under this report the Association appointed H. Moore and H. G. Smith to ride, and that they should be governed by the same terms and serve for the same rates that H. Moore did last year. The following pledges were immediately taken under this report to be paid at the next Association. Canaan Church \$12, D. Davis \$10, E. Wood \$10, H. Moore \$5, H. B. Moore \$10, Jas. Truss \$5, B. Praytor \$5, T. Adkins \$1, J. Carlisle \$2, J. D. Mann \$1, J. Hefner \$1, J. Beck \$1, D. Cannon \$2, L. Mirach \$1, W. E. Beck \$1, A. M. Mo-

London \$1, M. S. Fuller \$2, H. Pearson \$1 I. Hammonds \$2, M. T. Parsons \$2
 M. Roberts \$1, B. Bush \$1, A. G. Waldrop \$2, J. Williams \$3, W. Shamblin
 \$5, W. Eastis \$1, J. McDonald \$1 R. H. Ervin \$2, J. M. Franklin \$3, Z.
 Hagood \$10, R. Robinson \$2, S. Wilks \$2, W. Rogers \$2, A. Acker \$2, D.
 Staples \$2, S. B. Crow \$2, J. George \$2, J. Tucker \$2, J. McNeal \$2, R. Dick-
 son \$2, A. H. P. McClain \$2, J. Meggs \$1, T. F. Waldrop \$10, O. M. Smith \$2,
 G. T. Hulsey \$2. Total \$141 00.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS (D.)

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that this great arm of moral training of the youth in the bounds of the Canaan Association is too greatly neglected. And we would not only advise our ministers, but delegates and churches to try to establish a Sabbath School in the bounds of each church: and as the Bible is the book of books, we would further advise them particularly to keep up a Bible Class. And if other books are found to be advantageous in keeping up a Sabbath School we would recommend such books. But we will not recommend any book in preference to the Bible. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. S. FULLER, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS (E.)

We, your committee on foreign missions have had the same under consideration, and believe we act under Scriptural injunctions, when we make use of any means in our power to send the gospel to the pagan world; and we would further recommend to our churches to use their means consecrated by their prayers, in the furtherance of the great object in giving the Gospel to the Pagan world. All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. HAMMONDS, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF OUR DOMESTIC MISSIONARY (F.)

I commenced my labors immediately after the Association, and attended some meetings with Bro. Smith, which were of much advantage to me: for we had good meetings. I left some appointments which I filled with profit. The people were anxious to hear preaching, but I found the destitution so great, and the calls for the preached word so urgent, that I determined to ascertain by one trip, the extent of the destitution, but was unsuccessful. I commenced North East of the Association, on Canoe Creek, North West of Springville, preached once at Village Springs. They have no Baptist preaching there, thence I proceeded to Thacker's Creek, fifteen miles South of Blountsville, where I met Bro. Stephens, late from Ga., and labored. I hope with success. I attended one meeting in Winston County: the collection was large, many of whom never heard a Missionary Baptist preach. The occasion aroused my christian feelings and desires for the salvation of these people. Now is a propitious time to send the Gospel to them, for if truth is not speedily afforded them, error will take possession of them. I next visited Walker County, at a meeting house near Bro. Sanlin's, where there is prospect of much good being effected, and I learn since, they have constituted a church. But I found it would be more profitable to visit some field regularly. I laid off a field for a month's labor, and this accounts for my failure to attend other places. I visited as far North as the Mulberry river, hoping to be joined by the Association North.

I have labored faithfully in and out of the stand and family circle, and have been received kindly at all times; with what success is only known to God. The destitution is great, but I hope these people will not be long without evangelical preaching. The advancements are rapid in this section of country, from what I can learn, in preaching, the Bible, churches, education, and all the blessing of an evangelized people, and I regret we did not commence our operations here sooner, but we hope to redeem the time. Brethren, let us

bring all our tithes in the store-house and see that the Lord will bless our souls. I have preached 89 sermons, assisted in the constitution of two churches, Baptised one person, witnessed the profession of 11 persons, travelled 1415 miles served in the service of the Association five month's and three days. All of which is respectfully submitted.

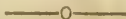
H. MOORE, D. M.

PLEDGES TO SUPPLY PREACHER'S FUND (G.)

A. J. Waldrop \$50, H. Moore 50, Z. Hagood 100, H. G. Smith 25, J. Byars 25, W. E. Beck 25, E. Wood 100, J. H. Baker 100, J. Carlisle 25, J. McNeal 25, B. Praytor 30, M. S. Fuller 25, R. H. Ervin 25, W. Rogers 25, T. A. Norwood 25, J. Hammonds 25, A. G. Waldrop 25, J. D. Mann 12.50, W. H. Wood 50, D. P. White 12.50, J. K. Hagood 25, J. M. Franklin 50, L. Mirach 10, J. A. Moore 25, J. Hefner 2 annually, H. Pearson 4, M. Roberts 5.

TREASURE'S REPORT (H.)

DR.		CR.	
Received for Minutes	- \$ 36 30	Paid for Minutes	- \$ 36 30
“ “ Association	19 10	“ “ Messengers	- 21 85
Domestic Missions	- 155 50	Domestic Missions	- 155 50
Collection on Sabbath	- 66 60	P'd to E. A. Convention	70 75
Black Afr. Mission	- 4 15		
From former Asso.	- 2 75		
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ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2d. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4th. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

5th. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6th. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

7th. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never fall finally away.

8th. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the only subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the apostolic mode.

9th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the general judgment—that the felicity of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked, will be eternal.

10th. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances of the gospel, but one who has been regularly baptised, called, and has come under the imposition of the hands of a Presbytery.

11th. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

